GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department - Herbicides — Glyphosate Formulations — Imposition of restrictions on usage – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 649 Dated: 10-09-2018.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.69, A & C(Agri.II) Dept., dt.09.02.2018.
2. Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary DAC & FW, New Delhi, Government of India, Dt.14.06.2018
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture Lr.No. PP(3) 438/2017, Dated:31.07.2018

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued following orders for restrictive usage of herbicides in Agriculture and Horticulture ecosystems :-

A. Herbicides like Glyphosate 20 .2% SL IPA salt, Glyphosate 41% SL IPA Salt, Glyphosate 54% SL (IPA Salt), Glyphosate Ammonium Salt 5% SL and % 71% SG (Ammonium Salt) should not be used in any of the crops during the crop growth season as there is no approval for any of the above Glyphosate formulations from Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIB & RC), Government of India. Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee approval is mandatory to recommend/procure/store/use any Agro chemical, as per the insecticide Act, 1968.

B. Farmers are permitted to use above herbicides in non cropped areas or during the non crop growth period only with the specific recommendations by authorized personnel. Farmers should apply any herbicide at recommended doses duly ensuring the approval from Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIB & RC), Government of India, so as to ensure to humans and domestic animals including Non Target Organisms (NTOs).

C. All the retailers in Andhra Pradesh should sell only the recommended quantity of herbicide to be used during non - crop growth season in non cropped areas. Farmers should be discouraged towards cultivation of un-approved Herbicides Herbicides like Glyphosate SL IPA salt, Glyphosate 41% SL IPA Salt. Glyphosate 54% SL (IPA Salt). Glyphosate Ammonium Salt SL and Glyphosate Tolerant Crop varieties to prevent the excess usage of particular non selective herbicides like Glyphosate is illegal in any cropped area and also during crop growth season.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Secretary, DAC & FW, New Delhi, Government of India has appraised that a total of 5 different formulations of Glyphosate herbicide are registered for use in India. These formulations are registered to be used in Tea Plantation Crop and non plantation area accompanying the Tea crop and any use beyond this is ill-legal and in violation of the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules, 1971 and made the following resolutions:

1. There is no need to go for blanket ban on Glyphosate, instead a state specific executive order on the pattern of Government of Andhra Pradesh is to be followed and to be emulated by the other cotton growing states of the country.

2. The states not having Tea crop plantation in their territory can remove the entries for Glyphosate from the Licenses issued by them to all concerned. While states having Tea plantations in some of the districts, can restrict the sell and use of Glyphosate and other non selective herbicides as per the approved label claim by CIB & RC. This can be done by amending the licenses issued to all concerned in those districts only.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has stated that since there is no Tea crop area in the State of A.P., the entire sale of all formulations of Glyphosate may be restricted in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the Licensing Authorities may be directed to remove the entries of Glyphosate in all manufacturing Licenses, Marketing Permissions and dealer License and requested to issue suitable orders in the matter.

4. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby issue following directions on the usage of Glyphosate Herbicides :

a. All the Pesticide Manufacturers, Marketers and Dealers in the State not to sell all Glyphosate formulations /concentrations with immediate effect. The Lisencing Authorities shall take necessary steps for removal of entries for Glyphosate from the licenses issued by them.

b. All the Pesticide Manufacturers, Marketers and Dealers in the State to stop the sale of Glyphosate formulations at all points and to return the entire stock to the concerned companies to reallocate the said stock to the needy states by them.

5. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further action for creation of awareness among the farming community on the non-usage of Glyphosate formulations on any crop in the State, as its usage is restricted to tea crop and non cropped area accompanying with Tea crop only as per ClB &RC.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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